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Identical letters dated 17 March 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following information:

Haytham Salahuddin Qassab (mother's name: Hanan; nom de guerre: Abu Salah; born 23 May 1978, Homs; resides in Turkey; holder of Syrian passports No. 910602 and No. 005855491; previously detained in Turkey) transported chemical substances from Turkey on behalf of the terrorist organization known as Ahrar al-Sham. He obtained those substances from Dharwa Import and Export Company, located in Bolha Çeylioğlu, near the post office on the road to Kozan. This company is registered in the name Halit Osman Vanalika (mother's name: Maryam; born 22 January 1966, Namık Kemal village, Adana), who helped the terrorists Hisham Abaghi (nickname: Ammar; born in 1965; holder of Syrian passport No. 004828865) and Khalid Osta (born in 1961; holder of Turkish identification card T.C. 099595105306).

The terrorist Haytham Qassab requested several substances, including, inter alia, white phosphorous, red phosphorous, potassium fluoride, methanol, isopropyl hydroxylamyl and resorcinol, allegedly to be used to produce white smoke in certain areas and then claim that Syrian planes had bombarded them. However, the primary reason for requesting those substances was to use them as chemical weapons.

It should be noted that, on 31 May 2013, the Turkish authorities released the two detainees mentioned above, so they can continue to commit crimes and acts of terrorism in Syria.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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